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From The President's Desk

By Dr. Robert K. Ackerman

I extend to all of you our very best wishes for a wonderful 1987. As of January 1, 1987, Mrs. Valeria Murphey became the chair of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees. She is of course a superb choice, and she replaces a superb chair, Mr. Frank C. Jones. We are blessed with a talented and devoted Board of Trustees.

The Wesleyan Board is now establishing a committee to guide the College into planning for the future. The committee is entitled "Strategic Planning," and its chair is Mr. Dillon Winship of Atlanta. Obviously, I cannot speak for that committee, although I am an *ex officio* member of that committee, and I am sharing with them my own vision for Wesleyan. I know that they will assist me in refining and adjusting that vision. I invite you, too, to participate in the process. You may want to write to me, stating your own views about the direction Wesleyan should be taking.

I see Wesleyan as emphasizing three missions: providing women a superb educational experience, emphasizing the liberal and fine arts, and using the relationship with the United Methodist Church to add an immensely important element to the Wesleyan educational experience.

We have a renewed confidence in our mission as a college for women. We are buoyed by the spate of recent studies testifying to the effectiveness of women's colleges. I shall simply cite one. An article in a recent edition of *The Journal of Higher Education* discussed how to advise young people to prepare for medical schools.

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New Chairman Of The Board Encourages Alumnae Support

On January 1, 1987 Valeria McCullough Murphey '48 assumed her duties as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Murphey graduated summa cum laude from the Wesleyan Conservatory in 1948 and she is the first alumna to hold the Chairman's office. She has served the College in many ways since her graduation and in 1986 she received the Award for Distinguished Service to Wesleyan from the Alumnae Association. She chaired the presidential search committee that brought Dr. Ackerman to the campus and is currently an active leader in the Wesleyan Campaign for Advancement.

Mrs. Murphey considers the successful completion of the campaign to be one of Wesleyan's highest priorities. The campaign goal is to raise \$8.8 million by June, 1988. The support of Wesleyan alumnae is essential to reaching that goal, she said. "Alumnae may not realize what a big part they play in the College's success.



Valeria McCullough Murphey '48 meets with Dillon Winship, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.

According to a recent study of Wesleyan students, a large percentage of the young women here today are on this campus because of alumnae contacts. That shows what a positive impact our alumnae have!" She went on to say, "I applaud the splendid participation of those alumnae who have already made pledges to the campaign and who have encouraged others to do the same. The key to our success is to keep the momentum going."

Mrs. Murphey explained that alumnae support is often used as a criterion for foundation grants and cited the success of Centre College in Danville, KY. A small 800-student liberal arts school, Centre now receives an average donation of \$94 from 75.1% of its graduates. This loyalty factor helped the school gain grants totaling \$180,000 from the Exxon Educational Foundation and the Teagle Foundation. Centre also

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Dr. Ackerman, Ruth Dobbs Bryant '82 and Valeria Murphey at the reception in Mrs. Bryant's home.

Experience shows that a young man who wishes to go to medical school is best advised to go to an independent university with a medical school. A young woman is best advised to go to a women's college. The next best advice for the young woman is the same as that for the young man, but the advantage of going to a women's college is two-to-one. We who are spending our careers here at Wesleyan can of course cite many, many success stories. You alumnae are our best witnesses.

There is also a refreshing renewal of interest in the value of the liberal arts as the best preparation for careers of growth. A recent study by AT&T demonstrated that liberal arts graduates have over the years risen to managerial ranks faster and in greater numbers than either business or engineering graduates. The business schools are now adding emphasis to the study of the liberal arts. We have just redesigned the Wesleyan program in business to bring it into accord with the best of modern research. Happily, Wesleyan's historic commitment to the fine and liberal arts fits well into this age.

What of the church relationship? We believe passionately that the most sophisticated education has to do with a concern for values. Our historic and ever-present commitment to the traditions of Christianity (to the Judeo-Christian ethics) impell us into assisting students in acquiring a profound respect for the life of the mind in the service of God. We care very much about the business of assisting people in examining their own sense of being, purpose, and direction. We believe that by assisting students in learning to think effectively, to communicate ideas, to make relevant judgments, they can learn something of discriminating among values. If I could take the space to describe in detail the new program in business, you would see that these are not just theoretical ideas. The new program involves the students in the study of courses which should put goals in reality.

One consultant from a distant university predicted that within a few years Wesleyan's business program will be the subject of articles in national journals; it will be a national model. That is very much what we want for Wesleyan in general. Wesleyan can be recognized as the premier college for women.

In Memoriam

Earl Franklin Bargainnier
Fuller E. Calloway Professor of
English Language and Literature

Dr. Earl Bargainnier died January 4, 1987. A professor of English at Wesleyan since 1971, Dr. Bargainnier was named Calloway Professor of English on February 21, 1983. He was the Past President of the national Popular Culture Association, an organization of over 3,000 college professors who study culture in the broadest sense of the word. Dr. Bargainnier's major field of interest in popular culture was detective fiction and he edited and wrote several books on the subject. His books include *The Gentle Art of Murder: The Detective Fiction of Agatha Christie*, *Ten Women of Mystery*, *Thirteen Englishmen of Mystery*, and *Gilbert and Sullivan On Stage and In Print*.

Members of the Wesleyan family attended a memorial service for Dr. Bargainnier on campus January 9. Dr. Ackerman gave the eulogy and in it he said, "...I think of Tennyson's 'I am a part of all that I have met.' Earl was a part of us, and we are richer for it. There is even a measure of immortality in this, because surely some of that richness will live on in us..." He added that one of Dr. Bargainnier's Popular Culture Association colleagues wrote, "Much of the wonderful, supportive joy of that caucus was due to Earl's kind heart and jolly spirit."

Dr. Fletcher Anderson spoke for the faculty saying, "... I like to think that there is a special place in heaven for those men and women who have



cherished the power and beauty of the English language . . . Earl loved the South, its people and its culture. I think Earl will entertain his heavenly colleagues with at least one tale of how American popular music had portrayed his beloved region . . . and our scholar will inspire his listeners with at least one tale of his love for the place and people known as Wesleyan.

"In his own special way, Earl Bargainnier showed all of us in this community how to live a life that upholds the ideals of higher education. He was knowledgeable, he was brilliant, he was caring. On this day we honor him and we grieve that he is not among us . . ."

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Call the Alumnae Office for details.

"151 — And We've Just Begun!"

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
7:00-9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Golden Belle Luncheon Registration
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Registration
Historic Tour of Macon
Alumnae Tennis Tournament
Special Track Session
Reception at Hay House
Scheduled Class Parties

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
10:20 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Early bird walking/jogging — Fitness Track,
Foster Lake
Tennis Tournament Finals
Registration
Class Meetings
Candlelighters — Senior Assembly
Assemble for Parade of Classes — Quadrangle
Annual Meeting — Awards Presentation
Class pictures follow meeting
Luncheon — Anderson Dining Hall
Historic tour of Macon
Tour of Equestrian Center
Alumnae-Student Soccer Game
Reception for former Mortar Board members
Italian Dinner by the Fountain
Scheduled Class Reunion Parties
Student Spring Weekend Dance — Alumnae Invited
Idle Hour Country Club — Music by The Occasions

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Early bird walking/jogging — Fitness Track,
Foster Lake
Coffee and pastries — Olive Swann Porter Building
Chapel Service — Dr. J. Frederick Wilson
Burden Parlor

Reunion Class Contacts

1912 - Golden Belle
1917 - Golden Belle
1922 - Golden Belle
1924 - Golden Belle
Aurelia Cooper Evans
1932 - Golden Belle
Virginia Townsend Munford
1937 - Golden Belle
Helen Davis Exley
Margaret Evans Knox
1940 - Marjorie Potts Durden
1942 - Mildred Fincher Efland
Anne Hyer Smith
1943 - Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley
1947 - Martha Bradford Swann
1952 - Jody Mann Adams
Margaret Lynch Cordell
1957 - Joyce Bell Wade
1962 - Jane Flemister Batten
Sherry Staples Hubbard
1965 - Glennda Kingry Gandy
1967 - Susan Cooke McCumber
1977 - Ann Curtiss Perry
1979 - Katherine Breland Bradley
1980 - Marcia Knoblock
1982 - Susan Holloway
1985 - Ellen Hogle

Plan Ahead. . .

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For more information, contact the Alumnae Office.

Hardeman-Griswold Family Honored

Descendants of the Hardeman-Griswold family, whose ties to Wesleyan date back to 1860, were honored with a luncheon at the College in December. Shown here with the plaque which was dedicated to the family are Roberta Hardeman Jones James '44 and her daughter, Roberta Hardeman James Montgomery '77.



STAFF NEWS

DR. GLENDA EARWOOD-SMITH, Dean of Student Services, has been selected by the Executive Council of the Southern Association for College Student Affairs to serve as Conference Chair for the 1987 conference in Louisville, KY. Dr. Earwood-Smith has served in leadership capacities within the Association for several years. The Association is comprised of approximately 1,000 professionals in the field of Student Affairs and represents sixteen states in the southeast/southwest region.

SALLY TUCKER LEE has been named Director of the Center for Continuing Studies. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College where she earned the B.A. degree in art and was certified in elementary education. She has taught in the Dougherty County public school system, at the Hephzibah Children's Home in Macon and at Macon Junior College.

CHRISTINE REPPERT has been promoted to Director of Public Relations. Previously she was Assistant Director of Public Relations for Publications. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia where she earned the A.B. degree in journalism. She has an extensive background in printing, advertising, public relations and feature writing.

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received a \$3 million building grant from New York City's Olin Foundation. "The impressive thing here is not the amount of each gift, but the fact that so many former students contributed to their school," Mrs. Murphey said.

A series of coffees and teas were held for Macon alumnae during the first two weeks in January to honor Mrs. Murphey. Dr. and Mrs. Ackerman hosted the receptions along with Ruth Dobbs Bryant '82, Linda Lane, Trustee, and Claude Burns Buzzell '51. Mrs. Murphey commented on the occasions saying, "I enjoyed the opportunity to talk with so many of the local alumnae and I hope that each alumna of the college will accept my invitation to share their hopes and dreams for Wesleyan's future with me in a dialogue that will continue throughout my three-year term of office."

FACULTY NOTES

ART WERGER, Assistant Professor of Art, featured his etchings and monotypes in a one-man show at Georgia Tech in January. One of his etchings was selected from 2,800 entries to receive the Zelda and Josef Jaffe Award at the Print Club's "62 Annual International Competition" in Philadelphia. Other recent awards include the Andrew/Nelson/Whitehead Award from the Boston Printmakers 39th North America Print Exhibition and a purchase award from the LaGrange Nation XI in LaGrange, GA. His work has also been included in an invitational exhibition at the Silvermine Guild Arts Center in New Canaan, CT and will be featured in a one-man show at the Albany Museum of Art in Albany, GA in 1988.

Works of **SCOTT DUCE**, Assistant Professor of Art, were displayed at a one-man exhibition at the Phyllis Weil Gallery in New York City in November, 1986.

PAT JAMES, Instructor of Art, participated in a three-person exhibition sponsored by the Chattahoochee Valley Art Association in LaGrange, GA in November, 1986.

EDWARD EIKNER, Comer Associate Professor of Fine Arts, taught at the first International Music Festival of Santa Maria in Brazil during the summer of 1986 and has been asked to return in 1987. While in South America he presented solo and chamber recitals in Brazil and Uruguay. He has appeared recently in a recital tour of North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Louisiana and Tennessee with violinist Robert McDuffie. In September he was guest soloist at two concerts with Macon Symphony Orchestra performing Beethoven's Concerto No. 5.

DR. ROBERT KHOURY, Associate Professor of Sociology, has published an article in *Social Behavior and Personality: An International Journal*.

DR. TAMELA GRINSTEAD, Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages, presented a paper at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics/South Atlantic Modern Language Association in November in Atlanta. Another paper will be published this year in the journal of the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics. In April, 1987 she will present a paper at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference. She recently received certification as an Oral Proficiency Tester in English as a Second Language from the American Council on Teachers of Foreign Languages.

DR. JACOB S. QUIAMBAO, Manget Professor of Philosophy, Religion and Missions delivered lectures on "How the Bible Came Into Being" at Vineville Methodist Church. He attended the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature in Atlanta in November.

DR. GLENNA DOD, Associate Professor of Business Administration, will present her paper, "Communications for Accountants" at the Association of Business Communication Southeast Regional Conference in Greensboro, NC on March 12. Another paper, "Business Communication Alive: Realistic Projects," will be presented at the Southwest Conference of Business Communication in Houston, TX on March 14.

DR. RON BIRD, D. Abbott Turner Professor of Economics and Business, participated in the Macon Chamber of Commerce Planning Retreat in December and gave a presentation on the Economic Development of the South. In addition, he was a panelist at a conference sponsored by the Sunbelt Institute in Washington, D.C. and has spoken to the North Macon Optimist Club and the Macon Kiwanis Club. In October he participated in a seminar on the teacher labor market sponsored by the Southeastern Education Laboratory.

KATIE FLOYD, Instructor of Biology, helped establish a program on science demonstrations to be presented to Bellevue School.

DR. SCOTT HEWIT, Assistant Professor of Education, continues to do research on the value of play in early childhood learning. His papers on this subject have been presented at the Okefenokee Association on Young Children, the Georgia Association on Young Children Annual Conference and the Middle Georgia Association on Young Children Fall Conference.

DR. JOSEPH ISKRA, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, was awarded tenure by the Board of Trustees at their October meeting.

DR. MARCILE TAYLOR, Chairman of the Social and Behavioral Science Division, presented a paper at the fall meeting of the Popular Culture Association in the South and at a joint meeting of the Central Georgia Library Association and the South Georgia Library Association. She also serves on the Editorial Board of the *International Social Science Review*.

Conservatory Reunion

October 31-November 2, 1986

More than 125 men and women who studied at the Wesleyan Conservatory attended the first Conservatory Reunion October 31-November 2, 1986.

Highlights of the weekend included performances by alumni and current faculty members, a tour of Macon, a visit to the old Wesleyan College marker and a ramble around the campus. In addition, there was a luncheon to honor former Conservatory faculty members.

The reunion committee, co-chaired by Valeria Murphey and Neva Langley Fickling '55, worked very hard to plan a special weekend so those attending could renew their ties to Wesleyan and remember a very special time in their lives.



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Christmas Concert, Cantata Mark End of Sesquicentennial Events



Wesleyan's 150th anniversary was celebrated with the premier performance of a special Christmas cantata written by Alice Parker. "The Babe of Bethlehem" was commissioned especially for the Sesquicentennial and was performed by the Wesleyan Glee Club, the Wesleyannes, Alice Hopper, Dr. Sylvia Ross and alumnae during the Annual Christmas Concert on December 7.

Pictures:
Top left — Dr. Sylvia Ross, Dr. Fletcher Anderson and Julie Baker look on as Alice Parker explains the cantata.



Bottom left — The Wesleyannes perform.

Top right — Alice Parker directs the applause to the Glee Club.

Bottom right — Eleanor Lane '58 and Alice Parker talk at the reception following the concert.

